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**cc: Philippine Dealing and Exchange Corp.
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Attn: **Ms. Ma. Concepcion M. Magdaraog**
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Re: Clarification to the November 26, 2013 *BusinessWorld Online* news article

Dear Ms. Encarnacion:

This refers to your letter requesting clarification and/or confirmation of the information stated in *BusinessWorld Online* news article dated November 26, 2013 entitled ""Aboitiz, Tanduary units in bioenergy deal" which reads, in part:

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SUBSIDIARIES of Aboitiz Equity Ventures, Inc. (AEV) and Tanduary Distillers, Inc. have partnered for a \$47-million biomethane project in Batangas, an official told reporters on the sidelines of a listing ceremony at Enterprise Center in Makati City.

Stephen G. Paradies, AEV senior vice-president and chief financial officer, said Aseagas Corp. – a joint venture of AEV and UK-based Gazasia Ltd. – has signed the deal with Absolut Distillers, Inc.

"We have already signed an agreement with Absolut Distillers. We're going to use their effluent; we're going to produce methane from their waste," Mr. Paradies explained.

Mr. Paradies said Aseagas plans to start construction of the waste-to-fuel plant, which will convert methane to fuel, in the second quarter of next year.

"Hopefully, we can start by early second quarter of 2014. It will probably take about 18 months [to complete construction]," he said.

"We're just finalizing the land purchase. As soon as we are done with that, we order the equipment."

He added that Aseagas will spend \$47 million for the project including land acquisition and plant equipment which will come from Europe.

The official said the company is already in talks with possible buyers of the fuel that will be produced by the biomethane facility.

"We will sell this in bulk to fleet operators. So these are the companies that have fleets of vehicles like buses or trucks. We already signed agreements with some," the official said.

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We hereby confirm that Aboitiz Equity Ventures, Inc.'s (the "Company") subsidiary, Aseagas Corporation (Aseagas) signed an agreement with Absolut Distillers, Inc. (ADI) for the supply of effluent discharge from ADI's plants located in Lian, Batangas. The effluent will be converted to bio- methane gas to be used as fuel for vehicles. We further confirm that Aseagas is at the final stage of its land acquisition for the site of its waste- to-fuel plant. Construction of this plant is expected to proceed after the land acquisition is completed.

As previously disclosed, the bio-methane project is a joint venture between the Company and GazAsia Ltd., a UK based company.

We trust that the foregoing is to your satisfaction.

Very truly yours,

ABOITIZ EQUITY VENTURES, INC.

By



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